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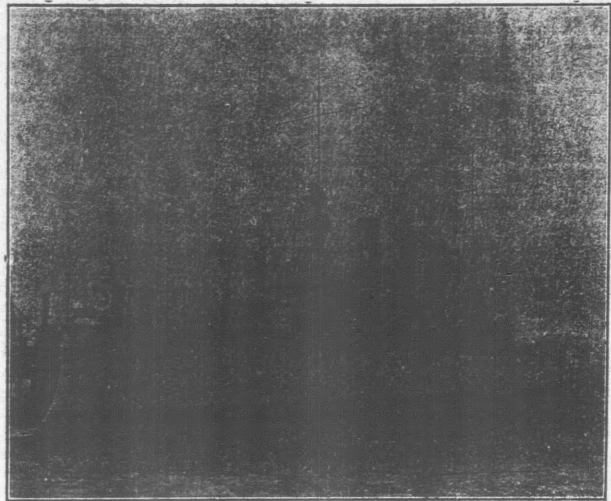
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USEFUL THINGS TO KNOW

Gloves are a necessary luxury these days. We have accepted the fact that they are indispensable to the well-dressed woman, and it behooves every one of us to give a thought to their care. Nothing is more reprehensible than gloves that allow the outside a peep at the fingertips—which is putting it mildly. In the matter of gloves the old proverb of a stitch in time is particularly applicable. And let that be of cotton, please. Silk cuts very easily, and does not last long enough to repay you for your industry.

Match the color of your gloves, and overcast each edge of the finger separately. Then, holding your finger in the glove, if you have no regular darning, sew the sides together, using a fine buttonhole stitch. Black kid gloves frequently become worn or rubbed and show their age by white or gray marks. Mix black ink with a small quantity of olive oil, and touch the spots, using a small brush. The ink gives blackness and the oil supplies the luster. Suede may be treated in the same way.

Speaking of suede, your white gloves of this undressed quality can be freshened up by an oatmeal bath. The finely powdered meal which sits to the bottom of a box is the best. Dust this powder over the suede and take it off with a stiff brush.

Give vells a bath in alcohol. This dries very quickly and will keep the veil fresh and new. Pressing with a hot iron is also a germ destroyer.

To run the feet in the ash pan under the stove is considered an excellent remedy for frost-bitten feet. Those who have had them. Be careful there are no red-hot coals there, of course, but the heat should be strong enough to draw out the inflammation.

Another remedy is to freeze turnips and then push the feet in them while they are soft. It is considered a very good remedy. If brandy is applied immediately to a bruise it will entirely prevent discoloration and allay inflammation. Brandy also rubbed frequently on to unbroken chilblains is a far more rapid cure than any dilutable "lotion." It is equally effective in curing sties on the eyelids.

A tall, narrow vase makes a good hat-pin holder, if it is partially filled with ground cork, obtained at any drug store.

Do not launder stockings with other clothes because the lint from other garments will adhere to them. Use ammonia in water to wash them and they will not spot.

Soak all cooking utensils in warm water before you set them down to dinner and you will be surprised how much easier they will wash.

If by accident soot should be dropped on the carpet, cover it thickly with salt, and both may be swept up clean and dry without soiling the carpet.

It is a good plan to always have tumbler which have contained sliced bacon or dried beef. They take up little space in the refrigerator and are nice to keep left-overs in.

Steel carving and bread knives can be quickly cleaned if there is an old razor strop in the house. This, sprinkled with emery, makes an excellent article to brighten sharp steel. Should a strop not be obtainable, a piece of cloth tacked over a long stick and covered with powdered emery will answer the same purpose. The stick should be flat on top.

For a salad out of the ordinary, mix cream cheese with chopped olives and a boiled dressing. Serve it on hearts of lettuce.

There is nothing more difficult to remove than tea or coffee stains in colored fabrics. Hot water run through it often helps, but this cannot be done except in white materials. Try mashed spirits. If this fails take the garment to a professional, for it is worth the price to have it look well.

THE TUBERCULOSIS CRUSADE

Based on reports gathered from all parts of the United States, the Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis issues a bulletin to day in which it is stated that \$8,180,821.50 was expended during the year just closed by the various interests fighting consumption in the United States. The bulletin, which is preliminary to a longer report, shows that in the year 1909 over 10,000,000 pieces of literature were distributed, and that 117,312 patients were treated and assisted by the sanatoria, dispensaries and anti-tuberculosis associations.

By far the largest amount of money spent during the past year was for the treatment of tuberculous patients in sanatoria and hospitals, \$5,292,289.77 being expended in this way. The anti-tuberculosis associations spent \$775,889.56, the tuberculosis dispensaries and clinics, \$640,474.64, and the various municipalities, for special tuberculosis work, spent \$1,111,967.83. The anti-tuberculosis associations distributed the most literature, spreading far and wide 8,400,000 copies of circulars, pamphlets, and other printed matter for the purpose of educating the public about consumption. The health departments of the different cities also distributed more than 1,056,000 copies, which, with the work done by state departments of health, brings the number of pieces distributed during the year well over 10,000,000. The largest number of patients

treated during the year was by the dispensaries, where 71,586 patients were given free treatment and advice. The sanatoria and hospitals treated 28,758 patients, while anti-tuberculosis associations assisted 16,968.

New York State leads in the anti-tuberculosis work done during the past year, having spent more money, distributed more literature and treated more patients than any other state. Pennsylvania comes next and Massachusetts is third. The next seven states are Illinois, Maryland, New Jersey, California, Colorado, Connecticut and Ohio. The following table shows the work done in these ten states:

State
New York..... \$1,069,770.76
Pennsylvania..... 1,016,664.02
Massachusetts..... 1,009,123.83
Illinois..... 702,881.02
Maryland..... 546,926.17
New Jersey..... 511,660.63
California..... 466,906.17
Colorado..... 393,707.14
Connecticut..... 293,180.88

Literature, pieces
New York..... 4,997,600
Pennsylvania..... 351,300
Massachusetts..... 217,000
Illinois..... 106,600
Maryland..... 82,800
New Jersey..... 72,000
California..... 66,000
Colorado..... 37,000
Connecticut..... 13,500

Patients treated
New York..... 41,770
Pennsylvania..... 34,100
Massachusetts..... 10,600
Illinois..... 8,600
Maryland..... 4,800
New Jersey..... 3,100
California..... 2,100
Colorado..... 1,000
Connecticut..... 1,100

Although the survey of the past year's work shows that much has been done, the reports from all parts of the country indicate that next year the amount of money to be expended, and the actual number of patients that will be treated will be more than double that of the past year. For instance, special appropriations have been made in the various municipalities for next year's anti-tuberculosis work, aggregating \$3,976,500. In addition to these appropriations over \$4,000,000 has been set aside by the different state legislatures for the campaign against tuberculosis next year. Besides these sums, a large number of the present existing institutions and associations are planning enlargements of their work, and new organizations are being formed daily.

Cows, above all other animals, are averse to drinking cold water. Many cows will go without water for two or three days before drinking out of a pond, stream or vessel containing ice. The drinking of plenty of water is necessary to a full flow of milk, and it pays to furnish cows with water warm enough so that they will drink all they need. It will pay to heat the water on the kitchen range and carry it to them, rather than have them go without.

NEW YORK FASHIONS

The slender silhouette is still maintained but more artistic draperies are seen while the natural curves at the waist are beginning to appear again on the fashionable figure after being suppressed for so long.

The one piece frock reigns supreme for all elaborate occasions but with tailor gowns a good many pretty blouses of silk, chiffon cloth, net or flannel are worn.

The New Silk Waist
Silk shirt waists have not been used very much for the last year or two but this winter the designers have brought out some lovely models. Silk crepes of various kinds, chiffon cloth or dyed nets are the most employed for the purpose.

The newest waists have a pleated frill of lace, net or the material running down the side front and usually falling to a point a little below the bust through some of these frills run quite down to the waist line.

The majority of the new blouses are relieved by white at the neck. The fancy for the one-tone waist is out of date, which is a great relief as it was frightfully unbecoming.

Belted Coats
The very latest thing at present is the Russian blouse coats and it is whispered that when spring comes the Russian effect will carry everything before it. The belt is being used in a most effective manner on some of the very newest and

FARM NEWS AND VIEWS

Sod land is very good for almost all crops if the season is seasonally wet and other conditions are favorable. One of the worst troubles with corn in sod land is that the cutworms living in the sod destroy much of the young corn. By plowing sod land for corn in late or early winter many of the cutworms will be destroyed. As soon as the land is plowed at this time the sod will have more time to settle and decay, and the corn next season will stand dry weather better. If the sod must be plowed again next spring no harm, but much good, will be done. Plowing any land twice for a crop, or disking well after plowing is labor well spent.

Lyman A. Budlong, said to have been the most extensive grower of truck in the world, who died recently at his home in Chicago, left an estate of nearly \$2,000,000. Practically all his family are engaged in the same line of work.

The cellar or other similar room in which vegetables and fruits, either green or canned, are stored for winter should have the windows open on mild days for ventilation and for lowering the temperature of the room for chilling the store. The cooler they are held without freezing the better they will keep. Bacteria which cause fermentation and decay cannot grow and multiply in low temperatures. Dry cold will always hold them in check.

New plants of named varieties can be started in winter from cuttings of a number of hardy trees, shrubs and vines, such as the grape, pear, hydrangea, privet, rose, poplar and willow. The cuttings, however, must be made before the buds have been injured by freezing.

Salt is necessary to the health and thrift of domestic animals; and they should have it in winter as well as in summer. They need more of it, probably during the period of abundant excellent feed, but the animal system requires more or less of it all the time. A good plan is to keep salt in sheltered boxes where the stock can get at it at will. This is a safeguard against neglect, and, being accustomed to it as pleasure, there is no danger that too much will be taken.

A sudden change from green food to those which contain a small percentage of water frequently results in a derangement of the bladder or kidney. Many times the urine becomes thick and turbid, and it is very difficult for the animal to urinate. If the trouble is allowed to continue for a very long period death may result. Any of the following remedies may be administered with excellent results: Juniper berries, four ounces; boiling water, one gallon. Let stand in a covered vessel for an hour and then strain. Give one pint three times each day till the animal is relieved. Another remedy may be provided without the aid of drugs. Mix one part of slippery elm bark with two parts poplar bark and make a string tea from the mixture. Sweeten with sugar or molasses and give a pint every five hours.

The quieter and more comfortable a young animal can be kept, with good feed, the faster it will grow. Calves like to lie and sleep in a warm, sunny place. By providing them with such quarters they will sleep and turn their feeds to more profit than when confined in cold and uncomfortable quarters.

While the milch cows are on dry feed the digestive organs do not work so freely as when they are on green feed. To keep their digestive organs in good tone and the bowels normally loose, feed some oil meal daily. The oil meal not only maintains the digestive organs in good working order, but it is one of the best milk-producing feeds, being highly nutritious. Musty and bad feeds of any kind are not good cow feeds. They are not only poor in nutrients, but are dangerous to health.

Trees and shrubs healed in for winter should be heavily mulched and completely covered with straw or cornstalks during the coldest part of winter to prevent them from drying out. The soil about the roots should not be allowed to freeze deeply.

It is all right to sprinkle hay and other dry cow feeds with salt or salty water, but it is not a good plan to mix salt with ground feeds. An overdose of salt with a cow impairs the digestive organs, acting as a poison. Rock salt in the mangers and lots is good. Granulated, coarse salt should be kept in a box under the cover of a shed where the cows can lick it at any time they wish. A little salt every day is what they need.

THE ROSE'S MISSION

EDWIN R. PAYNTER
Their houses arose in beauty, side by side, And nothing did the premises divide. Save a broad fence, erected strong and high.

To keep each safe from the too curious eye.
She was a maiden fair to look upon, With eyes from whence the light of true love shone.

Her cheek was like the red rose and her brow In whiteness rivaled the new fallen snow.

He was in life's first manhood and a grace Of form and feature showed a gentleness Of spirit that with courage well combined Doth never fail to charm all womankind.

Altho' the closest neighbors, never yet Except as strangers had they ever met. But waiting looks would issue from the eye Where'er they chanced to pass each other by.

A red rose bush upon his lot there grew That through a crevice small its way found to The other side, and blooming there the night Filled her fond heart with exquisite delight.

It was a message from his heart to her, An emblem of the love he held most dear. It touched a chord responsive in her breast.

And thus were both of them supremely blest
It was "the old, old story" o'er again,
That ever will be new to sons of men. The subtle power of love has strength to bind In one the hearts of man and woman-kind.

WASHINGTON LETTER

WASHINGTON, D. C., January 1, 1910.

When President Taft in his famed Winona speech in September said that the Payne tariff was the best tariff law ever enacted by a Republican Congress and that this would be demonstrated in the working of the act, even some of his admirers thought he was extravagant in his use of language. Apparently the President had expert statistical advice before he made his Winona utterance for the figures are now at hand which seem to support all Mr. Taft's enthusiastic comment on the Payne law. In the debates in Congress last year Democratic orators predicted that the adoption of the Payne schedule would be followed by a great loss to this country of its share of the world's business. It was predicted that the rates would prove so excessive that there would be a material falling off in imports and that the revenues and commerce of the nation would suffer.

According to a statement now made public by the Bureau of Statistics the imports for 1909 were larger than in any previous year in this country's history. They exceeded in value over \$50,000,000 the imports for 1907, which heretofore has been regarded as the banner year of American commerce. Not only were the imports greater last year than ever before but the statistics show that more foreign articles entered American ports free of duty in 1909 than in any previous year. Articles imported free were of the value of \$700,000,000 as against \$636,000,000 the high water mark up to 1909. The figures compiled by the experts show that foreign articles of the value of \$1,475,000,000 reached the shores of the United States last year. Practically all of the important countries of the world shared in the increased imports, an increase being shown at every principal port in the United States.

Our exports last year were approximately of the value of \$1,750,000,000 a slight decrease over the preceding year. Over half of these exports, underwent a process of manufacture before leaving the United States and thus both American capital and labor shared in the fruits of this commerce. The year 1909 will also be remembered as the greatest in our history for trade with our non-contiguous territories such as Alaska, the Philippines, Hawaii and Porto Rico. This non-contiguous trade aggregated about \$173,000,000 of which \$78,000,000 consisted of exports.

Important data on the subject of arrests of lawbreakers and the sizes of police forces is contained in a bulletin which has just been issued by the Director of the Census. Under the head of arrests, classified by offenses, it is shown that the number of arrests in 1907 in the 158 cities of this country having a population of 30,000 or more, was 1,369,361 or 592.4 to every 10,000 inhabitants. Cities of practically the same size show a wide variation in the number of arrests. The bulletin points out, however, that the total number of arrests is no indication of the lawlessness of a city's population; it is, rather, a reflection of varying local needs and conditions and of the activity of the police department.

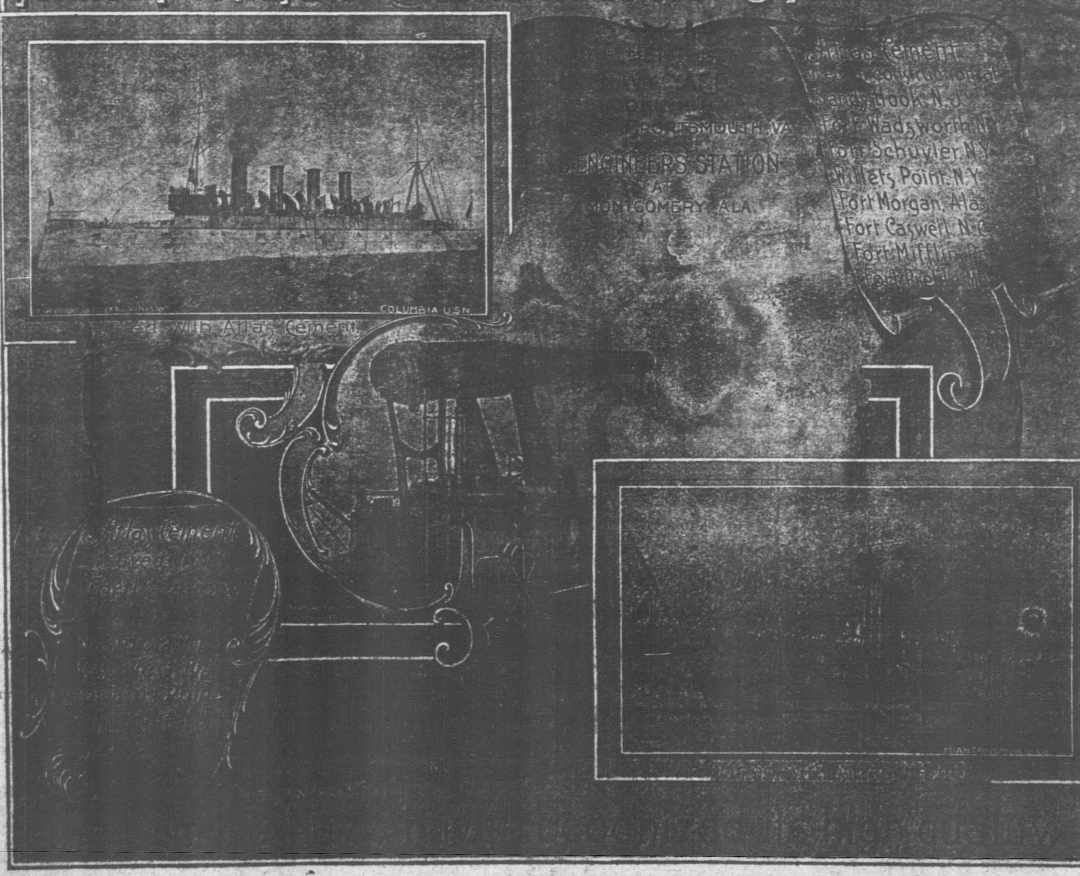
Another bulletin issued this week by the Census Bureau discusses fire departments in the various cities of the country. The per capita cost of maintenance of fire departments in foreign cities is much lower than in American cities. The low per capita cost of maintenance abroad is the result of stricter building regulations, more nearly fireproof buildings and greater precautions to prevent the occurrence of fires. In those cities of this country for which complete reports were made there were 88,255 fire alarms during 1907, and 78,507, of which 52,343 resulted in losses. In other words, only 59.3 per cent. of the alarms were for fires which occasioned losses. The total fire loss per capita was \$2.28 and the net loss per capita \$0.28.

The United States government is not in the market to purchase a North Pole steamer. The promoters of the Peary arctic expedition thought that the good ship "Roosevelt" on which the discoverer of the long-sought pole made his journey into the arctic country would be a good investment for the Revenue Cutter service. It is necessary for Uncle Sam to keep a cutter in Alaskan water a considerable portion of the year to protect its far-west interests and the suggestion was made that the "Roosevelt" could be used for this work to great advantage. No figure was placed on the boat by its owners for the reason that the preliminary negotiations did not give them any encouragement that a sale would be consummated.

According to "Tama Jim" Wilson, Secretary of Agriculture, the crying need of the United States is for more farmers. In the near future Mr. Wilson will begin a thorough investigation to determine the causes underlying the increased cost of living in this country. In discussing the proposed inquiry Mr. Wilson said: "Too many people are engaged in the business of distribution. What we need more farming. Too many people are rushing to the town and the city and trying to make a living there and not enough are staying in the country. Too many people are trying to get along without work and not enough of them are in the business of producing something. One man could do the business of distribution where twenty are now engaged in it. That is the reason the cost of living is high and people are complaining. Our people must learn that they cannot get along without work, and the best place for them is on the farm where they can raise something."

Your white kid gloves can be effectively cleaned by any pure white soap. Apply only the ends with a soft flannel cloth. It is not necessary to moisten anything but the surface, and they will soon dry on the hands.

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ENFORCING AUTOMOBILE LAWS

"The Delaware Automobile Association has taken a commendable step in again asking the Police Commissioners to enforce the laws governing the use of motor cars in this State. The association asks that non residents who come into Delaware in motor cars be required to have State licenses under penalty of arrest. There is such a law, but it is doubtful whether it is often enforced. Delawareans going into other states, into Maryland and Pennsylvania, must pay for licenses in those states. So long as the law with respect to this matter is enforced in other states against Delaware, we should simply give them what they give us. For our own part, we doubt the wisdom of such laws, as we think it would be better to permit automobilists from other states to have free access into Delaware subject to the laws governing speed. Relations, however, should be reciprocal, and so long as Delawareans are required to take out Pennsylvania or Maryland licenses, residents of those states will be required to do the same here.

"One advantage of the automobile is that it promotes social intercourse. It is a good thing to have visitors come into Delaware, and we should be glad to see them.

The association also asks the commissioners to enforce the laws as to the speed of motor cars, and the Police Commissioners should have no difficulty in granting this request. But doubtless it is true, as the commissioners say, if the laws were strictly enforced, most of the users of motor cars would have to devote considerable of their time to police court duties. Riding in an automobile seems to develop a desire for speed. It goes with the ownership of a machine. Often a man in a machine thinks he is going at a fair rate of speed when he is really moving rapidly. However, the speed problem must be dealt with sooner or later. The automobile has come to stay and its use will increase. How to regulate the use of the automobile is the problem. There are careful automobilists and there are careless ones, just as there are careful men driving horses and careless drivers.

"In New York City and in other big cities the automobile problem has become a very serious problem. A new law governing chauffeurs went into effect in that State with the New Year. The new law provides a penalty of \$10 fine or six months imprisonment, or both, for any one convicted of such automobile driving as endangers life, or of running away after his car has inflicted injury. Under the old law in New York, no offender, however outrageous, could be imprisoned, except after a third conviction for recklessness or over-speeding. The motor-outlaws were under the old law practically given free rein to do as they pleased. One outrage after another followed in New York before it was possible to create sufficient sentiment to force the enactment of a more stringent law. Perhaps the law should be amended so that a person convicted twice of violating the regulations should be prevented from using a machine at all.

"One frightful accident in Delaware was sufficient to arouse us to the importance of the problem and now that the Automobile Association has taken action, we shall look for a more rigid enforcement of the laws and such enforcement will be pleasing to all those who employ automobiles safely and derive much pleasure in so doing."—Evening Journal.

NEW BUILDING FOR HOPE FARM

Preliminary plans for the administration building at the Anti-Tuberculosis Society's sanatorium at Brandywine Springs have been drawn by John D. Thompson, Jr. The required amount of money for the building has not yet been obtained, but it is probable that the building will be started at once, as more room is needed. The left wing is dedicated to the memory of Dr. John J. Black. It is hoped to have enough money for this wing within the next six months. The building will be constructed of frame and plaster, and will be of Colonial design. The main building will be 62 feet front and 40 feet deep, and two one-half stories in height. On each side will be one-story wings, 46 feet long and 21 feet deep. The extreme length of the building will be 154 feet.

RAILWAY MEN ARE TALKING

WASHINGTON, January 8d.—The transportation interests of the country presented their views on interstate commerce law amendments, at the White House today.

Six big railroad presidents, representing country-wide interests, discussed with the President his proposition for drastic railroad control planned to be set forth in his special message which will probably go to Congress this week. The conference up at the White House routine, as it began at 9 o'clock and 11, as it still in session.

President Lovett, of the Harriman lines, Bear of the Reading, Finley of the Southern, McCrea of the Pennsylvania, Brown of the New York Central and Melien of the New York, New Haven and Hartford, were the railroad men in attendance.

It was settled early in the conference that the President's interstate commerce measure will probably not go to Congress on Wednesday as had been expected.

The conference concluded at 11.30, and the railroad men left the White House hurriedly. President Brown, of the New York Central, said:

"We came to make some objections and we were listened to. Beyond that I cannot discuss the matter."

Judge Lovett, head of the Harriman lines, said the discussion would probably be explained in a statement from the White House later.

It was generally believed about the White House, that the conference was the result of the visit of J. Pierpont Morgan, who made a hurried call at the White House last Friday.

During their visit, the railroad presidents looked over the draft of the proposed interstate commerce law amendment, as framed by Attorney General Wickham. The attorney general was called in to explain the measure, but left before the conference was over.

When the railroad magnates left they did not appear to be in a very agreeable frame of mind, and the belief is that their mission met with failure.

A CORNER IN BROOM CORN

An item is going the rounds of the papers that Mr. J. M. Evansville, Ind., has cornered the visible supply of broom corn, and that the common broom corn will go skyward in price, very soon, perhaps even as high as \$1.00 each. The fellow who originated this item must have been indulging another kind of corn—corn-jobs—but, sometimes, out of foolishness emerges sound sense, and this broom corn yarn may be one of the times.

Broom corn is one of the items which, no doubt, might very profitably be added to what is termed diversified farming.

We are informed that it grows readily in almost any good soil, without much care, and with comparatively little work attached to harvesting. It always commands a good market price, but of course there is something in "knowing how" to grow first-class corn and to cure it properly in order to secure the top price.

For several years there has been an advancing market for broom corn; but, while it is grown pretty generally, in small quantities, for home use, the growing of it for market has been left to a comparatively few states, consequently it is likely true that the bulk supply can be "cornered," or nearly so.

We are of the opinion that this product is well worth the attention of Delaware farmers, and that land especially adapted to it could be made to produce big returns per acre. Considering the thousands of brooms used each year, and the fact that there is not likely to be a cheaper substitute invented, it is a wonder that the Westerners have for so long been given almost full control of the industry.

NOT SO VERY CHEAP

A rather amusing story is told of a man who went into a hardware store in a neighboring town and wished to purchase an ax, says an Ohio paper. Being shown the article and informed that the price was \$1.15, he said, "Why I can get that same kind of an ax from a mail order house for 90 cents." "Very well," said the hardware man; "I will give it to you for the same price provided you will do the same with me as you do with it."

"All right," replied the customer as he handed over a dollar bill, the merchant giving him back 10 cents in change. "Now," said the hardware man, "I want 25 cents more to pay express charges," which the purchaser gave him. "How much did your ax cost you?" "One dollar and fifteen cents," the man answered. "Very good. Now give me 5 cents more for money order fees and postage," which the purchaser had to hand over. "Now, how much did your ax cost you?" "One dollar and twenty cents," said the customer. "Not so cheap, after all," said the merchant, whereupon he picked up the ax, tossed it back on the shelf and told the customer to call for it in ten days, as that would be as soon as he could get it if he had ordered it from the mail order house.

50 FAILURES ON PENINSULA

Although the annual report of business conditions on the Peninsula as made public by The Mercantile Agency, R. G. Dun and Company, proprietors, Friday, shows five more failures than were reported during the previous year, the proportionate losses in the three districts comprising the Peninsula were not as heavy as during the previous year. According to the report there were 50 failures on the Peninsula during the year just ending, involving liabilities of \$311,911.05 and assets of \$213,656.32. During the previous year there were 54 failures involving liabilities of \$216,955.90 and assets of \$106,644.67.

In Delaware this year thirty failures were reported involving liabilities of \$190,020.32 and assets of \$138,649.15.

The district covered by the report as made by the agency comprises the three counties of Delaware, Cecil, Kent, Queen Anne, Talbot, Caroline, Dorchester, Worcester, Somerset and Worcester counties in Maryland, and Northampton and Accomac in Virginia, and includes about 8,000 business houses.

Cut Off Without Oil

Dover, Del., Jan. 6.—The town of Kenton is cut off from telephonic communication with the outside world, and is suffering from an oil famine, so that even the street lamps cannot be lighted at night. Roads to Dover and Smyrna and Millington are now being cut, but the low temperatures which is overwhelming the peninsula with Arctic winds is seriously delaying all outdoor work.

SPENDING MUCH FOR THE FARMER

New York, Jan. 4th.—How gratifying it must be to farmers throughout the country to know that the United States Government is spending in the neighborhood of \$18,000,000 every year on experimental work looking toward increasing the yield and efficiency of the farms of the United States.

This money is not expended in foolish experiment, but all investigations are made under the personal supervision of experienced departmental heads. Secretary Wilson is a practical man and requires results from all lines of investigation. Every avenue of trade is covered because the farmer is largely dependent upon them for his success. His prosperity ultimately brings profitable results in all other lines of business.

Recently a railroad official said the United States Government could better afford to invest in the cost of one battle-ship in agricultural experimental work than to spend it in increasing the navy. A first-class battle-ship costs about \$9,000,000. Secretary Wilson decided that a statement ought to be issued telling about the great work which his department is doing. Copies of this report can be had by applying to the Department of Agriculture at Washington. This report tells of an instance where a farmer was raising only 30 bushels of potatoes to an acre, and who, dissatisfied, appealed to the Agricultural Department for assistance and advice. Both were given and now this farmer is raising 230 bushels of potatoes to an acre where he formerly could only grow 30. The department supplied him with seed and information how to best prepare the ground in which to plant the potatoes. This is only given as one of many illustrations to prove the efficient work being done.

HELP OUR TOWN

A town is very much like an individual. To be flourishing, it must have energy and enterprise. The people in a town should remember that the individual prosperity depends to a large extent upon the character of the place in which their business is located. Every public measure should be liberally supported by all, especially the business men. At the present day there is so much competition between towns there is among persons and business enterprises. A man seeking a location will invariably select a town that is up to the times, and is eagerly in favor of every modern improvement. A town in these modern times can't afford to be people with old foggies or antiquarian fancies who are continually kicking at every enterprise. To make a flourishing town you must believe in its future and work for it, encouraging every improvement in your own work and character. Help every worthy man, help every enterprise, and encourage every good man to locate in your town.

THE APPLE IS KING

As Delaware peaches are not coming to the front as in former years the apple is now expected to be king. The Delaware Apple Company has been incorporated. The capital stock of the company is \$500,000, with Governor S. B. Penness as its president and United States Senator H. A. DuPont one of the directors. The other directors are: David T. Marvel, Dr. Joseph A. Ellegood, William D. Denny, James Lord, H. Ridgely Harrington. The objects of the company are to boom Delaware as an apple growing state. There will be 250,000 shares of stock at \$2 a share which will have a 10 per cent. earning capacity and finally develop into an apple tree. The company intends to develop much land in Sussex county into apple growing lands.

HYMENEAL

BRATTON-WILSON

Miss Bertha W. Wilson, of Collingwood, N. J., daughter of the late William J. and Beulah W. Wilson, of Elk Neck, and Mr. William D. Bratton, of Elkton, editor of The Cecil County News, were quietly married at noon Saturday at the home of the bride's brother, Mr. Walter G. Wilson, in Collingwood, by Rev. W. W. Casberry, Pastor of the Collingwood Presbyterian Church, in the presence of immediate relatives of the contracting parties.

Mr. and Mrs. Bratton took the Seaboard express at West Philadelphia Saturday afternoon for a trip South. On their return they will reside in the house recently vacated by Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Witworth, at the corner of High and Bridge streets.

CUPID DISRUPTS SUSSEX SCHOOLS

GEORGETOWN, Del., Jan. 1st.—Cupid cut so many capers among the school teachers of Sussex county the past three months that several schools were unable to open yesterday on account of the teachers formerly in charge having been married, while at many of the schools, especially at Lewes, Georgetown, Frederica and Seaford, new teachers yesterday replaced those leaving after the school had begun. Many of the school boards are wondering where it is going to stop and so general is the complaint that the County Commissioners are seriously considering a recommendation that hereafter applicants for positions in the county schools shall be compelled to sign agreements to serve a full year before they will be employed.

NO RIGHT TO PAY ENVELOPE

New York, Jan. 1st.—"To require the husband," said the court, "to turn over to every week his unexpended pay envelope would amount to tyranny of the sort most dangerous to the perpetration of the home as the sacred institution it is to day. A wife has no right to make such demands on her husband. The husband is the sole owner of the fund."

That was one judge's opinion, but other judges have held that:

A wife has a right to go through her husband's pockets.

A wife is entitled to 90 per cent of her husband's salary.

A man's wife is not his servant.

A married woman may go out whenever she chooses.

Wedding gifts belong to the wife and not to the husband.

A notable story is told of a farmer of Wisconsin county, Md., who raised a \$10,000 crop of white potatoes on a farm which cost him \$1,500. And this is made the more notable from the fact that he states this is only an average crop of 200 bushels to the acre, when by intensive cultivation 400 bushels have been grown on a single acre.

CHESAPEAKE CITY

Carle Woolleyhan was a Wilmington visitor Saturday.

Miss Tina Evans has returned from an extended visit at Ewell, Md.

Henry Cooling, of Philadelphia, is visiting at the home of H. G. Hager.

Miss Harriet Pierce, of Philadelphia, has been visiting Mrs. J. Polk Steele.

Miss Madeline Davis, of Philadelphia, spent last week with Mrs. Edwin Gardner.

The Presbyterian Sunday School held their Christmas treat Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh W. Caldwell visited his mother at Liberty Grove last week.

Mrs. Mary C. Price is visiting her brother, Dr. Joshua Clayton, at Elkins Park.

Miss Sadie Vaneet, of Wilmington, was the guest of Mrs. J. D. McCoy last week.

Harry Griffith, of Morrisville, spent Friday with his mother, Mrs. Maria Griffith.

William Carter, colored, committed suicide Monday morning by hanging himself.

Misses Sadie Tatman and Agnes Comas, of Baltimore, visited Mrs. Augustus Tatman several days last week.

Messrs. Dick Bright and Carle Acker, of Delaware City, are spending several days in town.

Miss Hattie Morgan will entertain the "Five Hundred Club" at her home Wednesday evening.

Mrs. E. A. Paupchuck will close the "Eureka Millinery" the middle of January to remain closed until March 1st.

The senior class will hold a box social at the High School Saturday evening. Proceeds to be used for a trip to Washington.

Mr. Edward Brown and Mrs. Mabel Blansfield, of Town Point, were married at the M. E. Parsonage Monday afternoon.

Rev. Mr. Gardner.

STATE FINANCES IN GOOD SHAPE

The State of Delaware closed up its past year in excellent financial condition, paid all the State officials and had a good general fund and school fund balance. The year was closed as predicted several weeks ago without the necessity of borrowing the \$50,000 emergency fund or any part of it to pay current expenses, for the State's regular revenues more than paid all current expenses. The State authorities withheld the financial statements of business that it may be presented to the legislative auditing committee on Tuesday, January 18th, and will audit all the accounts.

PENNSYLL WILL BURN SMOKE

The Pennsylvania railroad company expects to announce shortly that they have overcome the smoke nuisance so far as passenger engines are concerned. Two engines recently equipped with a device known as the Jones Automatic Smokeless will be tried out on all divisions on fast and slow trains, hauling from six to ten cars.

These smokeless, it is said, save coal and are fitted with a device which consumes the smoke. They work automatically and are attached to the engines in such a manner that will require very little effort on the part of the fireman to work them.

Engines equipped with these smokeless have been running out of Altoona on the Pittsburgh division and the new invention has thus far proven successful.

NIGHTMARE IN CHILDREN

A medical authority says the majority of cases of nightmare are the result of over-eating, lack of elimination, or improper food.

Some cases may be due to stomach or respiratory (breathing) disturbances, adenoids, or nasal obstruction. Sometimes there is an underlying nervous or arsenic constitution.

Ill-ventilated, dark rooms, late meals, exciting games, story-telling before bedtime, exhaustion with play, are often the causes in children.

Cases of nightmare have been known to be caused by sleeping with the head too high, the jugular vein being compressed by the pillow, the position of the body, or the position of the head.

It is rarely fatal, thanks to our authority, and the treatment is to remove the cause when found.

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153 acres 1/2 mile from Townsend.

240 acres 1 mile from Reynolds.

175 acres at Forest Station.

These farms are all near stations and possession will be given in March next.

G. W. INGRAM, Middletown, Del.

NOTICE TO TAX-PAYERS

St. Georges Hundred!

The taxable residents of St. Georges Hundred, and all persons liable to pay tax in said Hundred, are hereby notified that the Taxes for the year 1909 are now due, and the undersigned Tax Collector for said Hundred, will be at

MURPHY'S HOTEL, IN CORNER, WEDNESDAY, JAN. 19, 1910 From 11 to 2 P. M.

AT HENRY CLEVER'S STORE, IN PORT PENN, WEDNESDAY, JAN. 26th, 1910 From 11 to 2 P. M.

and at my residence, Crawford street, Middletown, Del., every Saturday, afternoon from 1 P. M. to 4 P. M.

Tax bills can be obtained by making personal application to the Collector or by sending written communication, enclosing stamps.

EXTRACT FROM THE LAWS OF DELAWARE, GOVERNING THE COLLECTION OF TAXES OF NEW CASTLE COUNTY, SECTION 3, CHAPTER 30, VOLUME 21, LAWS OF DELAWARE, 2AS AMENDED:

Section 3.—That on all taxes paid before the first day of October there shall be an abatement of five per centum. On all taxes paid before the first day of December there shall be an abatement of three per centum. On all taxes paid during the month of December there shall be no abatement whatever. And on all taxes unpaid on the first day of January five per centum thereof shall be added thereto.

JOHN E. DENNY, Administrator for John W. Denny, deceased, Collector of Taxes for St. Georges Hundred.

NOTICE TO TAX-PAYERS

Blackbird Hundred!

The taxable residents of Blackbird Hundred, and all persons liable to pay tax in said Hundred, are hereby notified that the Taxes for the year 1909 are now due, and the undersigned Tax Collector for said Hundred, will be at

AT BLACKBIRD, WATSON'S STORE JANUARY 24th, 1910 From 1 to 4 P. M.

AT FLEMING'S LANDING, JANUARY 24th, 1910 From 1 to 4 P. M.

AT DENNEY'S, (DAVEN'S STORE) JANUARY 27th, 1910 From 1 to 3 P. M.

Tax bills can be obtained by making personal application to the Collector, or by sending written communication enclosing stamps.

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JOHN BEITH, Collector of Taxes for Blackbird Hundred

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NOTICE TO TAX-PAYERS

APPOQUINIMINK HUNDRED!

The taxable residents of Appoquinimink Hundred, and all persons liable to pay tax in said Hundred, are hereby notified that the Taxes for the year 1909 are now due, and the undersigned Tax Collector for said Hundred, will be at

AT THE OFFICE OF GEORGE M. D. HART, IN TOWNSEND, DEL., EVERY SATURDAY, During JANUARY, 1910. From 1 to 5 o'clock, P. M.

An abatement of 5 per centum will be allowed on all taxes paid during the month of August.

Tax bills can be obtained by making personal application to the Collector, or by sending written communication enclosing stamps.

WILLIAM C. MONEY, Collector of Taxes for Appoquinimink Hundred

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The Middletown Transcript

Middleton, Del., Jan. 8, 1910

Going North—7:30 a. m., 10:45 a. m., 4:00 p. m. and 9 p. m.
Going South—7:30 a. m., 10:45 a. m., 4:00 p. m. and 9 p. m.
For Odessa—7:30 a. m., 10:45 a. m., 4:00 p. m. and 9 p. m.
For Newark, Cecilton and Barville 9:30 a. m. and 4:00 p. m.

Local News

If you want Pure Buckwheat Flour you can get it at

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With our large advertisement next Saturday, announcing our Clearance Sale.

FOR RENT—Two houses and one stable on West Main street, opposite National Hotel. Possession given 26th March next.

We have all sorts of Dairy Feeds on hand, and at low prices compared to the present market. Let us have your orders.

Uncollected Letters—The following list of letters remains uncollected in the post office for the week ending December 30th: Mrs. Sally Toms, Miss Charlotte Will.

Dr. J. C. Stiles has removed his dental office to the building recently vacated by the Western Telephone Co., next door to J. L. McPherson's office.

FOR RENT—Store and dwelling at Mt. Pleasant. Possession given at once. Apply to

Miss Maud Deakins has been appointed organist of Bethesda M. E. Church. She has been organist of the M. E. Church in New Castle for the past year.

FOR SALE—A Franklin open grate fire place furnace with extra set of bricks in perfect order. Will be sold cheap apply to

The program for the next meeting of the New Century Club includes readings from three popular writers, by Miss Blanche L. Eliason, Miss Eleanor E. McCoy and Miss Clara E. Paxson.

WANTED—5000 Common or Homer Pigeons. Pay at least 25c. pair, get my prices for guinea fowls and live rabbits. Prompt return. No commission deducted. L. B. GILBERT, 1128 Palmer street, Philadelphia.

Walter Beaten was one of the lucky exhibitors at the Wilmington Poultry Show held in this week. Mr. Beaten succeeded in capturing three first prizes and two second on his exhibit of Buff Orpingtons, which were greatly admired by the large crowds at attendance at the show.

We have in STORAGE several hundred tons of HIGH GRADE LEHIGH and BITUMINOUS COAL. You don't have to place your order before-hand as it is ALWAYS IN STOCK. We have just added to our yard a nice lot of SAWED WOOD. Phone 5.

After October first, the Library hours will be as follows: Tuesday, 3.30 to 5; Friday, 7 to 8.30; Saturday, 3 to 5. The Library will be open on Tuesday evenings, from 7 to 8.30, for school children exclusively.

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At the annual meeting of the Centennial Mutual Insurance Company of Odessa held on Monday the following directors were elected for the ensuing year: President, Daniel W. Corbit; Directors, Daniel W. Corbit, Alex. P. Corbit, F. B. Watkins, James T. Shallock, M. N. Willis, Coleen Ferguson and Clarence E. Pool.

At the regular meeting of Washington Camp, No. 9, P. O. S. of A. of Monday evening the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Pres. Levi Atwell; Vice Pres., James Donahue; M. of A., Arthur S. Bain; Conductor, J. R. Brown; Guard, William Cochran; Sentinel, J. L. Byron; Sec., H. H. Hillyard; Treasurer, Tolbert, Williams; Past Pres., Geo. N. Dickinson.

At the annual meeting of the Stockholders of the New Castle County National Bank of Odessa, held at the banking house yesterday, the following directors were elected for the ensuing year: D. W. Corbit, James T. Shallock, M. N. Willis, Alex. P. Corbit, Daniel Corbit, Clarence E. Pool, L. V. Aspril, Jr., F. B. Watkins and Coleen Ferguson. The same officers were all re-elected.

The 125th anniversary of the Methodist Episcopal Church was appropriately observed in Bethesda M. E. Church Sunday evening last, when addresses were made by the pastor, Rev. V. S. Collins, Rev. J. A. Atwell, E. W. Carroll and Mr. Alfred G. Cox. The speakers gave much interesting history of the Church and the audience was well pleased with the evening's program.

All subscribers to this paper are requested to look at the address slip on their papers. If your paper is dated January, 9, it means that your subscription is paid up to January, 1909, the two figures of the year being omitted so that we can get the entire address and date in one line. If your paper is dated August, 10, it means that your paper is paid for to August, 1910. Dollar bills may be sent in ordinary mail with little or no danger of loss. Please do not neglect attending to your subscription account.

Middletown Council, No. 2, J. O. U. A. M., elected the following officers on Monday evening: C. Harry Manlove, N. C. Robert B. Jones; R. S. W. T. Pearce Jr.; A. R. S. J. Ringgold Richards; F. S. D. W. Stevens; Conductor, Woodall Cochran; Warden, Oscar Minner; I. S. B. P. Biggs; O. S. H. P. Gears; Treasurer, E. S. Jones; Chaplain, John L. Byron; Trustee, S. J. Brockman; Rep. to State Council, E. L. Banning; Rep. to D. B. A. W. T. Pearce, Jr.; Deputy State Councilor W. F. Pearce, Jr., will install the newly elected officers next Monday night.

"John Adams was arrested at Middletown Tuesday afternoon by Detective E. F. Minner, of Harrington, upon a charge of the larceny of an overcoat from George Shipp, a railroad fireman of Fawcett. He was taken to Georgetown on the noon train by Lieutenant of police detective for the P. B. & W. R. R. Jerry Campbell, of Clayton, and Detective Minner and given a hearing before Justice William A. Warrington who held him in \$300 bail for his appearance at the February term of court."—Middletown Chronicle.

OBITUARY

EDWARD REYNOLDS

The death of Edward Reynolds which occurred at his home on North Broad street at seven o'clock Saturday morning, removed from our midst one of our oldest and most honored citizens. Mr. Reynolds who was born near Newark on August 10th, 1840 had been a life long resident of this county, and was one of the best known men in the state, and his death means not only a great loss to the community where he lived, but to the entire state.

In 1864, after spending a year in traveling in the north-western states, Canada, Europe, and the West Indies, he became a partner with his father and brother in the general mercantile business, in Middletown, the firm assuming the name of John A. Reynolds & Sons. His father retired in 1868, and in January, 1872, he also retired, leaving the business in the hands of his brother, S. M. Reynolds. In July of the same year, Mr. Reynolds purchased THE TRANSCRIPT, assumed the duties of editor, and made it one of the best weekly journals of the Peninsula, proving an able and successful journalist.

He was, however, induced to join his brother again in the mercantile business in Middletown, and retired from the management of THE TRANSCRIPT, in November, 1877. Under the firm name of S. M. Reynolds & Company, they carried on a prosperous business, and in November, 1878, purchased the stock and business of Thomas O. Culbreth, of Dover, of which Mr. Edward Reynolds took charge, under the title of E. Reynolds & Co., removing to that town, Mr. S. M. Reynolds continuing the care of the store at Middletown. The business of the firm in both towns prospered, the enterprise, ability and popularity of both brothers insuring continued success. Mr. Reynolds identified himself with the Democratic party. In the spring of 1888 he became a member of the Presbyterian Church. He was for three years a trustee of the Forest Presbyterian Church, in which, in the spring of 1878, he was ordained an elder.

For many years and at the time of his death he was town treasurer of Middletown and was connected with many of the public institutions and was a trustee of Delaware College. For several years he had been in the insurance business, having an office here in the post-office building.

On June 1st, 1871, Mr. Reynolds married Mary J., daughter of Dr. James and Elizabeth (Blackinton) Naudain, who with two daughters, Mrs. D. P. Barnard, Jr., of Wilmington, and Miss A. Louise Reynolds, of New York City, survive him. Funeral services were held at his late residence on North Broad street, at 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon, his pastor, the Rev. F. H. Moore, officiating; interment being made in Forest Cemetery. The pall-bearers were: George D. Kelley, Charles Derrickson, J. B. Messick, John L. Shepherd, Andrew S. Eliason and J. Frank Eliason.

CHARLES H. HOWELL

After an illness of many months, Charles H. Howell departed this life at his home on West Main street at 8 o'clock Friday evening, December 31st, aged 71 years.

Mr. Howell had been well for a long time, yet few of his friends were aware of his serious illness until informed of his death.

Mr. Howell who had been engaged in carriage building in Middletown for many years, was one of our best citizens and his death is a public misfortune, as well as an irreparable loss to the home circle made desolate by his death.

Deceased was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry D. Howell, and leaves a widow, one daughter, Miss Ida V., Principal of the Middletown High School, and one son, Henry D. Howell, who was associated in business with him, to mourn his death.

Funeral services were held at his late residence of Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, Rev. F. H. Moore, officiating, with interment in Forest Cemetery. The pall-bearers were: M. B. Burris, George Echenhofer, George D. Kelley, W. T. Connelley, Charles Derrickson and J. F. McWhorter.

MRS. SARAH RICHARDS

News was received here early Sunday morning, announcing the sudden death of Mrs. Sarah Richards which occurred at her home near Newark. Mrs. Richards who for many years resided in this town was the wife of Mr. William A. Richards, and mother of Mr. Harry W. Richards, of this town, and has a large number of relatives and friends here who were shocked when told of her death. She was the daughter of the late Andrew Husebeck, and was aged 65 years. Deceased leaves a devoted husband and five sons to mourn her death.

The remains were brought to Middletown on the train arriving here at 9:35 Wednesday morning and interment was made in the Forest Cemetery. Services were held in Forest Presbyterian Church, Rev. Vaughan S. Collins officiating. Mrs. Richards was a member of Bethesda M. E. Church here, until her death, never having her certificate of membership transferred. The pall-bearers were her six brothers-in-law, Frank, George, James, John, Henry and Joseph Richards.

DR. L. A. KITTINGER

Dr. Leonard A. Kittinger, aged 40 years, one of the best known physicians in Wilmington, died on Saturday afternoon from the effects of paralysis. While making calls on Monday, following the blizzard, Dr. Kittinger was thrown from his sleigh twice. He sustained an injury to his back, which confined him to the house on Tuesday, but on Wednesday he was able to visit his patients. He suffered much pain on Wednesday night, however, and on Thursday was stricken with paralysis, which affected his right side. His relatives, concerned, however, and were conscious until Saturday morning, when he went into a state of coma and remained in that condition until his death.

Best Year in Marriages

"Wilmington Daily, Dec. 31.—Wilmington, marriages during 1909 will exceed by 600 the number performed last year. The records of the clerk of the peace show that during the year 2610 marriage licenses were issued. The number of deaths, about 2000, is far in excess of the deaths, which were about 1500 of population."—Philadelphia Record.

We are informed from a reliable source that the number of marriages for 1908 was 2835, which shows a decrease for the year of 1909 of 225.

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PERSONALITIES

Mr. Joshua Crossland was in Dover on Friday.

Mrs. Samuel Brockson spent Wednesday with relatives in Townsend.

Miss Mildred Allen, of Philadelphia, visited friends in town last week.

Misses Marion and Eliza Cochran, of Elyria, Pa., were in town this week.

Mrs. Mary Metts, of Philadelphia, was the guest of Mrs. Samuel Price, this week.

Miss Lillian Solway, of Wilmington, spent last Sunday with Miss Elizabeth Holton.

Miss Ruth Stewart, of New Castle, spent several days last week with Miss Eliza Deakins.

Miss Sadie Flinn, of Philadelphia, spent Saturday and Sunday with the Misses Gill on Green street.

Miss Edith Ginn, of near Townsend, is the guest of her cousin, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Ginn, on Crawford street.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph P. Comegys, of Philadelphia, were over Sunday visitors with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Comegys.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis I. Reynolds, of Wilmington, were in town on Wednesday attending the funeral of their uncle, Mr. Edward Reynolds.

Captain and Mrs. W. E. Lee, Mrs. Angelina Scott, Mrs. S. E. Massey and Miss Maud Smith spent New Year's Day with Wilmington relatives.

Mr. Rosier McCroon, who has been attending Cornell University, will leave on the tenth of this month for the Philippine Islands, where he will spend some time.

Messrs. Norman Gill and John Yoebell left last Friday for Philadelphia, where they will learn the repairing and driving of automobile with the Girard Automobile Co., South Penn Square.

SALES TO TAKE PLACE

SATURDAY, JANUARY 8th, 1910.—Public sale of the personal property of James C. Powell, deceased, at his late residence near Thomas' Corner, in Blackbird Hundred, by Edward Hart Administrator. J. L. Seemans, auctioneer.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26th, 1910.—Public sale of farm stock—horses and cattle—by Dan M. Cochran, Jr., at his residence on the "Borham Farm," near Middletown.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8th, 1910.—Public sale of stock, farming implements, &c., by Lee Sparks, near Matthews' Corner.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10th, 1910.—Public sale of stock, farm implements, &c., by Alfred J. Davidson, near St. Georges. H. V. Buckton, auctioneer.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15th, 1910.—Public sale of stock, farming implements, &c., by Scott and Malone, on the "Eliz Farm," near Townsend. W. H. Reynolds, auctioneer.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 16th, 1910.—Public sale of stock, farm implements, &c., by C. M. Cochran, on the "Cochran Farm," one mile west of Middletown.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22d, 1910.—Public sale of stock, farming implements, &c., by C. M. Cochran, on the "Beechwood Farm," 1½ miles from Middletown.

ROLLS OF HONOR

The following pupils of the Middletown Public Schools have obtained an average of 90 percent or better for the month of December:

HIGH SCHOOL. A Class—Alfred Connelley, Rebecca Collins, Lena Weber, Estelle Beaten. B Class—Irving Brockson, Roby Whitlock, Special Grade; Leah Berkman, John Hoffacker, Emma Pennington. C Class—Maud Taylor, Viola Weber, Nina Castelow, Helen McDowell, Edith Francis, Bertha Manlove, William Eliason.

DEPARTMENT NO. 2. A Class—Elizabeth Gibbs, Laura Connelley, Miriam Berkman, Eva Insolo, Rose Evans. B Class—Sarah Kate, Oran Spry, Frank Tyson, Lola Ingram, Theodore Whitlock, Esie Byron, Anna Spicer, Jonathan Hukill.

DEPARTMENT NO. 3. A Class—Jessie Shepherd, Mildred Redgrave, Clarence Weber, Avery Donovan. B Class—Ruth Gillipie.

DEPARTMENT NO. 4. A Class—Mildred Vaughan, Frank McWhorter, Frank Walker, Clara Gallagher, Odell Gallagher, Allen Johnson, Charles Kelley, Foster Johnson, Alma Whitlock. B Class—Millie Rosenberg, Minnie West, Albert Schumann, Francis Cochran, Margaret Plessant, Lella Pratt, Celia Decker, Olive Lockwood, Mildred Hall, Lee Vinard, Morris Lundy.

DEPARTMENT NO. 5. A Class—Alice Hall, Marion Pinder, Hattie Cochran, Viola Craig, Miller Reed, Bertha Baker, Hilda Craig, Helen McWhorter, Claude Fournier, Virginia Williams, Benjamin near. Fourth Grade—Helen Sparks, Third Grade—Harry Bingsen. Second Grade—Anna Elliott, Harry Parry. First Grade—Isabelle Parry.

DEPARTMENT NO. 6. Grade 2—Eva Freeman, Leon Shipley, Esther Brynes, Daniel Eganer, Mary West, Samuel Lundy, Gladys Long, Richard Cochran, Clyde Taylor. Grade 1—Corinne Van Sant, Gwendolen Garry, Fannie Rosenberg, Parker Schuman, Margaret Ritchie, P. L. McWhorter, Jr., Virginia Pearce, Clinton Jolla, Sarah Pearce, Rogers Fournier, Lillie Hollins, Edward Atwell.

Matthews' Corner

The following pupils of Matthews' Corner School deserve special commendation for the month of December: Eighth Grade—William Walker. Fifth Grade—Lee Sparks, Willie Roemer, George Bingle, near. Fourth Grade—Helen Sparks, Third Grade—Harry Bingsen. Second Grade—Anna Elliott, Harry Parry. First Grade—Isabelle Parry.

YOUNG GIRL BURNED TO DEATH

Mary Houston, the 9-year-old daughter of Charles Houston of Millsboro, while attempting to do the family ironing caught fire and was burned to death. The accident occurred on Wednesday afternoon, December 29th, while the mother and father were away from home working and the girl was alone in the house with her 3-year-old sister. With her clothing in a blaze the girl's first thought was of her little sister, and although the child grabbed a cup of water and tried to throw it on the girl, the elder one rushed from the room, fearing her sister might catch fire. As soon as she left the house the wind flamed the flames and when neighbors arrived, called by the 3-year-old child, Mary was dead.

ODESSA

Miss Ida Eaton, of Felton, has returned home, after a pleasant visit with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Knott.

Rev. D. J. Givan, wife and son Kenneth spent Saturday last at the home of Mrs. Casper Eaton in Port Penn.

Mr. George Craft, of Newark, N. J., returned home Saturday, after spending the holidays with his mother, Mrs. I. F. Croft.

Mrs. Emily McClellan is spending some time with relatives in Chester, Pa.

Mr. J. H. Morris is spending a few days this week with friends in Chester, Pa.

Miss Geneva Ward, of Chester, Pa., has returned home, after spending a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ward.

Miss Edna Ewell, spent Saturday and Sunday last in Baltimore, Md.

Mr. Harry Wilson and wife were Philadelphia visitors this week.

Misses Francis and Mary Aspril visited friends in New Jersey Sunday last.

Miss Minnie Armstrong, of the West Chester State Normal School, returned on Monday last, after spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Armstrong.

Miss Catherine Whitlock has returned to Baltimore, Md., after a pleasant visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Whitlock.

The annual Christmas entertainment and treat of the St. Pauls M. E. Sunday School was held in the lecture room, on Tuesday evening last. A large audience was present, regardless of bad roads and walking. The children and older members of the school did credit to the Superintendent and Chorister, Mr. George L. Townsend and Mr. Joseph G. Brown, who spent much time with the children. All enjoyed a good time and gave Old Kris a hearty welcome.

Mrs. Joseph Hampton, of Baltimore, Md., returned home Saturday last, after spending a few days with her mother, Mrs. Dorothy Glich.

Mr. Earl Ward, of Philadelphia, has returned, after spending the holidays at home.

Misses Mary and Rose Evans, of Noxon, were visitors at the home of their aunt, Miss Mollie Rose, on Sunday last.

THIEVES RAID AT TOWNSEND

Thieves made a raid at Townsend Sunday night and when it was learned that several places had been entered there was considerable excitement. The thieves effected entrances into the business places by boring holes around the locks and reaching the latter in that manner. The first robbery was discovered at the hardware store of W. H. Reynolds and it was found that two shotguns had been stolen. It is believed that other articles were taken. The robbers next visited the store of W. T. De Valinger but were evidently frightened away before they could gain an entrance. Holes were also bored in the door there. The next place entered was the restaurant of Henry Gill, near the railroad station, where the thieves carried off a part of the contents of the place.

TOWNSEND

Mrs. W. A. Scott and Mrs. L. L. Maloney spent Tuesday with relatives in Middletown.

Mrs. Andrew C. P. Reynolds and son, of Golds, Md., were the guests of William P. Reynolds and family on Tuesday.

George Satterfield, wife and son returned home Monday, after spending a week with her sister, Mrs. Burris and family, near Cecilton, Md.

Mr. Wiggins and Mrs. Fletcher Johnson are visiting friends in Philadelphia.

George W. VanDyke spent Monday and Tuesday with his son, Horace VanDyke, near Soynra.

Miss May Wells spent Wednesday in Wilmington.

Mr. Green, of Smyrna, returned home Wednesday, after spending several days with William Wright and family.

Mrs. Samuel Brockson, of Middletown, was the guest of Mrs. D. B. Jones on Wednesday.

Mrs. John Beauchamp and daughter, of Still Pond, Md., returned home Monday, after spending several days with her daughter, Mrs. W. Harman Reynolds.

Mrs. Harold Whitehouse has returned home from a few days visit with relatives in Philadelphia.

Samuel Townsend and wife of Wilmington, spent Monday and Tuesday with his parents, John Townsend and family.

Misses Ethel and Elsie Adellehelm, of Roxboro, Pa., spent Saturday and Sunday with their cousin, Miss Elsie Maloney.

CECILTON

Albert Shaw spent last week in Baltimore.

F. E. Hoover spent Monday in Wilmington.

The revival services are in progress at the M. E. Church.

Mr. Albert Watts spent part of this week in Philadelphia.

Mrs. A. J. Watts and son are visiting her parents in Townsend.

Miss Martha Bailey is entertaining her friend from Philadelphia.

A. W. Jones, of near Massey, spent Sunday with his parents here.

Thomas Cuckshank spent last Friday and Saturday in Philadelphia.

Miss Emma Pennington, of Fredericktown, spent Sunday with friends in town.

Miss Elizabeth Anderson is visiting her sister, Mrs. James Badd, in Philadelphia.

Leas Cruikshank, of Philadelphia, has been spending the holidays with his parents here.

Mr. and Mrs. George D. Pyles, of near Warwick, were the guests of their parents here on Sunday.

Mr. L. B. Manlove, wife and daughter, of Warwick, visited S. P. Hoover and family on Sunday.

There will be services in the P. E. Chapel in morning, at 11 o'clock, and will continue until further notice.

CURRENT PRICES

MIDDLETOWN GRAIN MARKET.
CORRECTED WEEKLY BY S. R. FRANK.

Wheat—No. 1 \$1.17 Corn—Yellow, shelled 63
Timothy Seed \$2.39 "cob" 65
Clover Seed .111 Oats .066
MIDDLETOWN PRODUCE MARKET.

CORRECTED WEEKLY BY W. T. CONNELLEY.

Eggs, per doz. 38.00 Country Butter, per lb. 33.00
Creamery Butter, per lb. 43.00
Lard, per lb. 14.00
Live Chickens, per lb. 14.00
Potatoes .35@45

HYMENEAL

KEMERSON-DUHAMEL

Miss Anna B. Duhamel, daughter of Mrs. H. P. Jones, and Mr. Samuel L. Emerson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel L. Emerson, both of Earleville, Md., were united in marriage at the home of the bride's mother on Wednesday evening, December 29th. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. O. E. Jones, pastor of Zion and St. Paul's M. E. Churches, following which supper was served. The bride was becomingly attired in taupe messaline. The wedding march was played by Miss Ethel Duhamel, a cousin of the bride. The presents were numerous and handsome. The young couple will reside on one of his father's farms near Earleville.

NOTICE—DIVIDEND!

The Citizens' National Bank of Middletown, Del., January 4th, 1910.

The Board of Directors have this day declared a semi-annual Dividend of THREE (3) PER CENT. clear of Taxes, payable to the stockholders on and after January 15th, 1910.

JNO. S. CROUCH, Cashier.

NOTICE—DIVIDEND!

NEW CASTLE COUNTY NATIONAL BANK OF ODESSA, DEL., January 5th, 1910.

The Directors have this day declared a Semi-Annual Dividend of Three and One-half per cent., (3½) clear of taxes, payable on and after the 12th inst.

JOS. L. GIBSON, Cashier.

Our Annual Clearance Sale

The greatest sale ever inaugurated in this town will begin on Saturday, Jan. 15, and will continue all the month. Look for our large advertisement next Saturday in this paper, and watch for the bargains we will offer. This bargain sale will be held in order to keep our store busy during the dull season. As you all know this is a busy store all the time, and when we say bargains you don't need to wonder whether its true or not. If its in A. Fogel's store news, you know its true. Save your money until next Saturday and take advantage of this sale.

A. Fogel

Middletown, Del.

Our Sale is On

Big Bargains all over the store Men's and Boys' Winter Suits, Overcoats and Trousers at ½ off; Men's \$10 to \$35 Suits and Overcoats now \$7.50 to \$23.25, and a big stock for selection. Come at once and get your choice. Bargains in every department; Heavy Underwear, White and Colored Shirts, Collars and Cuffs and Neckwear. Heavy and Dress Shoes for Men and Boys. 10 per cent. off Tailoring from Heavy Cloths, and with no discount on the work, trimmings or care in fitting. This is your chance to get good Clothing and to save money with lots of winter yet to come.

MULLIN'S MEN'S STORE

WILMINGTON



ASTIGMATISM of the Eye

WHEN an eye is said to be astigmatic, the meaning is that the eye has a double focus. This annoys the brain and the eye will strain unconsciously to bring about a clear focus; this strain usually causes headaches. Astigmatism is usually congenital or so at birth—it is remedied by wearing glasses ground from the segment of a cylinder. These glasses, if rightly made, bring image to a focus on the retina thus relieve all strain. Children as well as adults suffer from astigmatism. I am prepared to correct all common or complicated errors of sight—my examinations are free.

DR. MAURICE B. BURSTAN

Registered Optometrist Optician.

Cor. Broad and Main Sts. MIDDLETOWN, DELAWARE

NOTICE—DIVIDEND!

THE PEOPLE'S NATIONAL BANK OF MIDDLETOWN, Del., Dec. 24th, 1909.

The Board of Directors have this day declared a dividend of THREE (3) PER CENT. for the last six months, payable on and after Saturday, January 1st, 1910.

G. D. KELLEY, Cashier.

Middletown. J. B. MESSICK Middletown.

A Gigantic Clearance Sale of Men's and Boys' High-Grade Clothing

We need more store room for our growing Dry Goods business—that's why we are going to close out our entire stock of Men's and Boys' Clothing.

MEN AND MOTHERS

Here's a buying opportunity such as you have never before witnessed—your dollars have a greater purchasing power at this sale than what you ever thought they would have. You want to save money on clothing needs—you cannot afford to ignore this chance to save.

Our Loss is Your Profit. Here's a Chance to Economize at Our Expense.

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Sherman, Reporter

BY W. R. ROSE

The man at the desk looked up at the newcomer. He saw a slender fellow almost gaunt in face and figure, a pale young man whose hand on the back of the chair trembled as he steadied himself.

Do you want to see me?
Are you Mr. Briggs?
Yes.
I want a job.
Gordon Briggs shook his head. Sit down, he said. What's wrong with you?

He had a quick, sharp way about him, but his voice was not unkind.

The stranger slid into the chair with a little nod.

Drink, he answered. Plenty of it—three weeks of it—just sobering up. Getting shabby, getting hungry. Must have money.

He had a queer way of expressing himself as if he meant that every word must count.

Are you a newspaper man?
I've done newspaper work. Where?

"Oneida Standard" and other papers.

Gordon Briggs hesitated a moment.

Ready to do anything, I suppose?

Anything—except drink. I've got enough of that.

Good. If you worked on the "Oneida Standard" you know what the "Clifton Gazette" is. I'll try you for a week. Here's \$5 on account.

The stranger grasped the bill. Fine, he muttered. Bite, wash, shave, shirt, shine. Back in an hour.

He arose a little unsteady and made his exit, and Gordon Briggs heard his uncertain feet stumbling down the stairs. He shook his head and turned back to his desk.

The stranger kept his word, and came back much improved in appearance. He had straightened up, his eyes were bright, and the clean linen gave him a renovated look.

Ready for duty, he announced. His voice was a little hoarse and his hands still trembled.

Your experience on the "Oneida Standard," said Gordon, taught you what an afternoon country daily is like. Copy must be in by 2 o'clock. You report to me. In Clifton as in Oneida we have to hunt for local news—and the hunting is unusually poor. I'll start you on an assignment. A packet boat is to be launched from the inlet boatyard. We are going to run cuts of the boat and the captain. Make a column of it. Our marine interests are dear to us.

The stranger solemnly nodded. My name is Sherman, he said, and if you don't mind I want to thank you for your confidence and your favor. That's all.

He turned abruptly and walked toward the door, and Gordon Briggs watching him curiously, noted that he limped a little. In the doorway he turned.

You're too good a man to be wasted here, he said in his jerky way, and limped down the stairs. Gordon Briggs chuckled as he turned back to his work.

I wonder how he found out I was wasted here? he murmured. Probably he will want another five when he comes back. Poor chap. There's something very likeable about him. Poor thirsty humanity.

The busy hours wore along. Gordon Briggs, managing editor, editorial writer, city editor, responsible head, went through the daily grind and wrote and cut and trimmed and blue-penciled in the usual hurried fashion, and 1:30 came without bringing back the new reporter.

But at 1:45 he appeared in the doorway.

Hullo, said Gordon as he glanced away from his work. Stuff ready?

Here it is, said the new man. Stopped in the post office and ground it out. It was warmer there.

Wait until I look it over, said Gordon, flattening out the sheets.

The new man slipped into a chair and waited.

Gordon presently looked up. Got your newspaper experience in Oneida, did you? he sarcastically asked.

In Oneida and other places, the new man answered. Then he gravely added. It's my first lurching.

Suddenly Gordon dilated. What's all this? he cried. A child swept into the inlet by the wave sent up by the descending hull? Is that true?

The man steadied himself. His teeth would chatter.

It's true. There are the facts. I haven't enough imagination left to float even such a simple story as that.

Simple story!—echoed Gordon. Why this is fine. And the stranger who leaped in and drew the girl from beneath the hull?

It improves the story to keep him anonymous, said the new man. And his teeth would chatter.

But it wasn't professional to let him get away, Gordon persisted. You say that nobody seemed to know him and he hid himself in the crowd. I'm sorry you didn't follow him. He read more rapidly and then he suddenly dropped the copy. That's the best piece of work that ever went into the "Gazette," he suddenly declared. And to think you got all that out of the canal-boat launching! You should be proud of it.

The man softly laughed. That isn't what I'm proud of. I'm proud because I didn't take a drink. And I didn't take a drink because—because I like you, and I want you to think well of me.

He tried hard to hold his teeth together and then Gordon turned upon him suddenly and put out his hand. But before the trembling hand could reach it, he sprang up.

Why, you—you infernal cub, you're all wet! he cried. So it was you who went under that boat and got the girl! And you're shivering with a chill. Back to the pressroom with you, and don't you stir away until you are thoroughly dried out.

He took the new man by the arm and half led, half dragged him across the hall and into the warm pressroom.

Let me see you when you are dry and warm, he said. The new man smiled. Too bad about my fine linen, he chuckled.

Gordon went back to his desk. He picked up the new man's copy, glanced at it, and then rapped on the partition. A boy came in and took the matter.

Rush that, said Gordon. It's first page.

The boy hurried away, and almost immediately a man appeared in the doorway. He was a tall man with a streak or two of gray in his hair. He stooped a little and his face was thin and serious.

Excuse me, Mr. Briggs, he began.

Something broke, Garvin?

No, sir.

Another demand for more pay? Oh, no, sir. I only wanted to ask you who that young fellow sitting by the boiler is?

That's a new reporter, Garvin. What's wrong with him?

The man took a step forward. Perhaps you can tell me how he happens to be so wet?

Why, yes, I can, the editor replied. He has been in the canal. A little girl slipped into the water and under the boat that was just launched and our new reporter pulled her out.

The man drew a quick breath. That was my little girl, sir. He turned away abruptly.

Gordon looked after him and then suddenly smiled.

If I don't check our new reporter the staid old "Gazette" is sure to drop plumb into the sensational class, he murmured.

Ten minutes later the new reporter came back.

Dry again? Gordon asked.

Dry enough, the new man answered. I can't stay in the pressroom any longer. There is a tall man out there who annoys me.

Annoys you?

Yes. He actually pulled off my shoes and stockings and rubbed my feet dry with a bunch of waste. And I couldn't stop him.

But it was his little girl you saved, protested Gordon.

That doesn't give him any special privileges, said the new man. Why, confound him, he actually forced me to promise that I'd come out to his home Sunday and eat dinner with his family. I felt sure that if I refused he would strip me there and then.

Gordon did not smile. I think your talk is a bluff, he said. You certainly must appreciate how Garvin feels. He is a fine fellow. You wouldn't hurt his feelings. His little home is everything to him.

I never had a home, said the new man. I've always been running away somewhere. I ran away when I came here. Ran

away from the drink. If it wasn't for you I'd be drunk now. But you trusted me.

Gordon studied the new man's face.

See here, Sherman, he said, I'm going to take you to my boarding place. I'm a homeless man, too. I'm going to look after you personally. I think you need it.

A smile broke across the new man's face.

Fine, he cried. You'll fetch me around all right—and you'll find I'm not such a bad fellow when I'm myself. And now give me something to do—and lots of it.

So the acquaintance of this oddly assorted pair began. It was a close acquaintance almost immediately. Gordon's influence over the wayward Sherman was strong and always helpful.

As the effects of his dissipation wore away the new man became more and more valuable to the "Gazette" and to its editor.

I can't say this to you as managing editor, Gordon remarked one day, but as a plain individual I'll admit I dread to think of the day when you leave Clifton—for you can't remain contented here, and it isn't right you should.

When I leave Clifton, said Sherman firmly, I am going to take you with me.

Where? laughed Gordon. To the ends of the world very likely.

I'll go, said Gordon. And he wondered why Sherman still talked in this enigmatical way, and why he never said anything about himself.

It was only a short time after this that the long rainy season set in, the long rain that was to bring death and disaster and great suffering to the peaceful valley.

Gordon, said the other man one morning, I want you to put me on the Cordova situation. I was over there early this morning—Tom Mason drove me across the ridge. That reservoir looks bad to me. I know something about engineering. I've seen some big things constructed. That embankment isn't safe. I talked with some of the people over there about it. They're a stubborn lot and called me a meddler. But if this rain continues twenty-four hours longer there will be trouble.

Gordon was startled. The state engineers call the embankment impregnable, he said. But that's your assignment, and say, I'll go over there with you to-morrow morning.

They were on their way when the great disaster occurred. They heard the dull boom as the embankment broke; they heard the wild roar of the escaping waters.

The two men sprang from the light wagon in which they had crossed the ridge.

Go back, cried Sherman to the boy who had driven them. Hurry. Tell them the reservoir has gone and help is needed. Have the town hall bell rung. Hurry.

And then he and Gordon ran forward.

The wild torrent had brought woe and destruction. It had swept away half the village. Scores were drowned. Hundreds were imprisoned. The bridges were gone, the telegraph wires were down. Cordova and Clifton and Hinckley were cut off from the outside world by the wild flood.

And then the man who called himself Sherman came into his own.

His first steps took him to the telegraph office which stood a little to one side of the pathway of the torrent and on higher ground. The floor was submerged, but the instruments were intact. The operators—there were two in the village and both had been on continuous duty—were gone. They had run from the threatened building and had been caught in the flood.

The wires were in a tangle about the nearest overturned pole.

Sherman flung off his coat and went at this tangled in a tigerish frenzy.

What can I do? cried Gordon. Pick up all the news you can, Sherman yelled back at him. Return as soon as you have anything to report.

When Gordon came back Sherman was sounding the instrument. He looked up quickly.

Great luck, he gasped. Traced out a wire—had to swim for it—got it into the house. It's feeble, but alive. And now, please God, I'm going to call the world.

Gordon, coatless and hatless, and panting from his long run, stared at Sherman in amazement. He was bleeding from a cut on his forehead, he was water-soaked and dripping, his face was pale and his breath came quick, but the hand on the sponder was firm and steady, but the eyes that

looked up at Gordon were feverishly brilliant.

And as the editor stared the other man gave a roar of relief.

I've picked up Springfield, he cried. Yes, yes, it's Cordova. Good boy, gone, gone. Now, Cordova, tell me your story. Make it simple—I'll do the padding. Go ahead.

For nearly forty-eight hours Sherman sat in the little office and told the world the story of Cordova's frightful distress. There was but a single wire and at any moment it might cease working. But it didn't and those wonderful messages passed through it in a continuous stream.

And Gordon did his part too. He was the news gatherer, the advisor, the forager. He found food for Sherman. He organized the stricken survivors to a relief committee.

It's great team work, old boy, cried Sherman with his quick smile.

And then on the third day help and supplies began to arrive. They came at first by wagon over the ridge. Then a great gang of men threw a temporary bridge across the river and relaid the tracks, and a train laden with food and clothing and doctors and nurses reached the outskirts of the town.

And three telegraph operators darkened the door of the little office, and stared at the two human wrecks.

Who sent those messages? the foremost man asked.

Gordon pointed at Sherman. The operator put out his hand.

Nothing finer was ever carried by wire, he said.

Sherman arose with a little nod.

This happened to be a partnership affair, he explained, and then collapsed into Gordon's arms.

But they had him up again in a moment or two, and presently he and Gordon were comfortably crossing the ridge on their way back to Clifton and clean clothes and bed.

Three days later the two were in Gordon's office when a stout stranger entered.

I knew it, he said as he looked at Sherman.

Hullo, Temple, said the latter. Come in. How are you? Let me make you two managing editors acquainted. Mr. Gordon Briggs of the "Clifton Gazette," Mr. Henry Temple of the New York Daily Chronicle. Sit down, Temple.

The stout man stared hard at Sherman.

Awfully glad to find you, he said. Been doing heroic thing again, eh? You're making it a chronic complaint, my boy. And the funny thing is that just as soon as I began to catch the style of those wonderful calls for help, I was positive that Sherman Ames was at the other end of the wire.

Sherman Ames! Gordon repeated.

That's his name. Been masquerading, has he? Well, he's Sherman Ames, most famous of journalistic globe trotters. And that leads up to business. I want you to go to Persia for us, Ames. It looks like a scrap over there. Name your own price and start next week.

"The 'Gazette's'" reporter looked around at his managing editor. Then he looked back at the New Yorker.

I'll go on one condition, Temple.

Good. Name it.

Ames gently touched Gordon's shoulder.

My teammate goes with me, he said.

All right, laughed the stout man.

WHY WE LAUGH

Laughter seems to be a specialized form of either the scream of a startled or injured animal or the cry of triumph common to many beasts of prey. In children the cry of terror and the shout of laughter often shade into each other, and the young child escaping from parents will scream with laughter of fear, according to his chances of escape. Some unexpected event that causes slight alarm short of actual terror is the commonest cause of children's laughter, but in adults some sudden event that gives a sensation of triumph over others has much more influence. Really clever jokes seldom cause laughter, and it has been pointed out that a man clapping his hat will produce laughter far more heartily in character than the best efforts of the cleverest wit. The sight of ill fortune in another causes by contrast a feeling of triumph in ourselves. The ticklish parts of the body are for the most part the sites of important blood vessels, and the laughter produced in children by tickling is even more closely allied to the cry of pain.

Of course, there are many still precocious which the wise woman observes. She always eludes powdered coquetry into new gloves before trying them on. She observes a certain way of adjusting a new glove at any glove counter, and the removal of a glove is accomplished by turning the wrist over the fingers and "peeling" it off from the hand.

BIG HOLIDAY SALE

OF
CLOTHING, SHOES AND FURNISHINGS

The Globe Clothing Store

Positive Bargains for Holiday Buyers

Our prices are always lower than elsewhere and these specials make the items we quote Positive Bargains that no wise person is going to overlook. The clothing we sell is different from other kinds: better, more stylish, more carefully finished, more perfect fitting, more serviceable and reliable. It is made in the best equipped shops in the world, by the most skilled cutters and tailors, and there's a reputation of fair dealing back of every Suit or Overcoat we sell. Yours will be a mighty good Holiday if you take advantage of these prices. Come to our store from all directions.

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The Prices are Thirty per cent. Lower than you can buy them elsewhere, same quality and tailoring considered.

Every man and young man who is at all critical about his Overcoat prefers correct New York style. Our Overcoats are made in New York, the fashion center of the country, and they are designed by the world's most clever designers.

You cannot appreciate the distinctiveness of our Overcoats unless you see one, nor can you otherwise form a fair idea of their exquisite finish and exceptional tailoring.

If you are at all interested in Overcoats, come see them, we will surprise you.

Overcoats for Men Overcoats for Young Men Overcoats for Boys Overcoats for Children

Handsome Coats for	\$18.00,	Good as you can Buy for	\$25
"	14.00,	"	18
"	12.0,	"	15
"	9.00,	"	12
Our \$6.00 Overcoats are as Good as you will see for \$10			

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Men's \$8.00 Suits Holiday Sale	Price.....\$6.00
Men's and Young Men's \$10.00 Suits Holiday Price.....	\$7.50
Men's and Young Men's 12.00 Suits Holiday Price.....	\$9.00
Men's and Young Men's 15.00 Suits Holiday Price.....	\$12.00
Men's and Young Men's 18.00 Suits Holiday Price.....	\$15.00
\$10 Cravenette Overcoats now.....	\$7.00
\$12 Cravenette Overcoats now.....	\$9.00
Every Boy's Suit and Overcoat Reduced in Price.	
Men's 50c Overallis. Blue and Hickory Stripe, during Holiday Sale.....	40c.

Men's 50c. Dress Shirts, during Holiday Sale, Price.....35c.

Men's Fleece-lined Underwear, during Holiday Sale, Price.....39c.

Men's Hose, during Holiday Sale, Price.....10c.

Boots and Shoes

The Greatest Reduction in Boots and Shoes that ever took place at this time of this year.

3.50 Men's High Top Shoes, Russet and Black, our Holiday Sale, Price \$2.50

2.50 Men's Dress and Working Shoes, our Holiday Sale Price.....\$1.89

2.00 Men's Shoes, Holiday Sale Price.....\$1.50

All Ladies', Girls and Boys' Shoes

best makes, Greatly Reduced during our Holiday Sale.

For Dress and Best Wearing Shoes ask for George G. Snow, the best 3 50 and 4.00 Shoes for Men.

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Men's 2 00 Hats, in all Latest Styles, during Holiday Sale.....\$1.35 All other Hats Reduced.

\$2.25 Red Flannel Underwear, during Holiday Sale, Price.....75c.

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